**Bills of States pending assent by the President**

499. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of State Bills pending assent of the President of India at the beginning of January, 1990, and also at present;

(b) the main reasons for accumulation thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to clear the back-log?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY); (a) and (b) On 1.1.90, 80 State Bills were pending. The number of pending Bills on 27-12-90 is 70. Out of these 40 Bills are held up for want of clarifications from the concerned State Governments and the remaining 30 Bills are under examination in the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

(c) The State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments are reminded constantly. Dicussions are also held to expedite the clearance of the Bills.

**Administrative Approval for financial assistance from 'Salt Cess Fund'**

500. SHRl ANANTRAY DEVSHA-KER DAVE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of delay takes place in giving Administrative Approval to the schemes which are executed with Financial assistance from Salt Cess Fund';

(b) what is the number of meetings of the Gujarat Regional Salt Advisory Board and the Central Salt Advisory Board held during 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 and what was the total number of schemes senctioned during each year and the amounts sanctioned, separately; and

(c) whether Government are consider ing decentralizing power in order to ex pedite the sanctioning of such schemes and their speedy implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

*The details regarding number of meet ings of the Gujarat Regional Advisory Board and Central Advisory Board for Salt, the number of schemes and amounts sane tioned are indicated below:*

| | | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Number of meetings of Gujarat Regional Ad visory Board for Salt..... | 1 | | 2 | 1 |
| (2) | Number of meetings of Central Advisory Board for Salt..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| (3) | Total number of schemes sanctioned . | S | 5 | 63 | lakhs) |
| (4) | Amount sanctioned from salt cess proceeds. . | 10.60 | 44.47 | (Rs. in 33.12 | |